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1. RE PARA 9 REFTTEL A, G-77 HELD LENGTHY MEETING MORNING OF DECEMBER 13 AND AGREED ON TEXT WHICH SUBSTANTIALLY CONSISTENT WITH THAT PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED BY WEO/EE COMBINE. AT JOINT MEETING OF G-77/WEO/EE (LATER JOINED BY FIFTH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MUNTASSER) AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 13 FINAL TEXT OF AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS WAS ACCEPTED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH GROUP.

2. AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY ALGERIA AND INDIA, WAS SUBMITTED TO SECRETARIAT THIS EVENING. AT FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 14 SCENARIO FOR PAKISTAN TO ASK FOR SUSPENSION OF VOTING PROCEDURE PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE, AND IF NO OBJECTION (NONE IS EXPECTED) INDIA WILL INTRODUCE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTAINED PARA 59 OF A/31/11:

(1) IN SUB-PARAGRAPH (A) REPLACE QTE 1977, 1978 AND 1979 UNQTE BY QTE 1977 UNQTE.

(2) CHANGE SUB-PARAGRAPH (B) TO READ AS FOLLOWS: QTE AS AN EXCEPTION TO RULE 160 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS GIVEN IN SUB-

PARAGRAPH (A) ABOVE SHALL BE REVIEWED BY THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS IN 1977, WHEN A REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FOR ITS CONSIDERATION AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION; UNQTE

(3) DELETE ALL REFERENCES TO 1978 AND 1979 IN PARAGRAPHS (C), (G) AND (H)

(4) INSERT THE FOLLOWING NEW SUB-PARAGRAPH: QTE THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL DRAW UP FUTURE SCALES OF ASSESSMENTS ON THE BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING: (I) THE CRITERIA CONTAINED IN ITS REPORT A/31/11; (II) THE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA CONTAINED IN A/C.5/31/L.7/REV.2, AS AMENDED; (III) THE CONTINUING DISPARITY BETWEEN THE ECONOMIES OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; (IV) METHODS WHICH AVOID EXCESSIVE VARIATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL RATES OF ASSESSMENTS BETWEEN TWO SUCCESSIVE SCALES; AND (V) THE DEBATE UNDER AGENDA ITEM 100 IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE DURING THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ESPECIALLY THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED REGARDING STEEP INCREASES IN THE RATES OF INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENTS.

IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, CHAIRMAN WILL PUT TO VOTE ABOVE AMENDMENT WITH EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE ONLY AFTER THE VOTE. EXPECT BOTH AMENDMENT AND RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE TO BE ACCEPTED IN COMMITTEE BY CONSENSUS.

3. AGREEMENT REACHED TODAY ALSO PROVIDES FOR CONTINUATION OF CONSENSUS PROCEDURE IN UNGA PLENARY ON THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION. WHILE THERE MAY STILL BE SOME BUMPS ALONG THE ROAD TO SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM, THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT AGREEMENT WILL HOLD AND ACCORD CAN BE REACHED.

4. COMMENT: G-77 AGREEMENT ON ABOVE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE WAS PLEASANT CONSEQUENCE OF WEO AND EE FIRMNESS AND OPEC HEAVY-HANDEDNESS. MANY MODERATES WITHIN G-77 WITH WHOM WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ARE OPENLY PLEASED WITH RESULT SINCE OPEC DELS (ESPECIALLY IRAN, KUWAIT, AND IRAQ) WERE QTE ACCORDED WHAT WAS DUE THEM UNQTE FOR PRESSING ISSUE IN FIRST PLACE. SPLIT IN G-77, INCLUDING AMONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPEC, ON THIS ISSUE RUNS DEEP WITH LATEST DEMONSTRATION BEING (A) DESIRE OF VENEZUELA TO CO-SPONSOR CONSENSUS RESOLUTION BUT BEING STRONGLY OPPOSED BY KUWAIT, AND (B) IRAQ OPTING FOR SEAT ON EXPANDED CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE BUT BEING OPPOSED BY NEPAL.
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